

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Previously presented)** A single layer microfluidic fluid mixer comprising:

a fluid routing device having:

a first channel having a cross-section of a first aspect ratio and a first depth; and

a second channel having a second cross-section of a second different aspect ratio and a second different depth, wherein the second channel intersects with the first channel from a first location to a second location, the first and second locations having different transverse positions within the first channel; and

fluid supply means for supplying to each channel fluid to be mixed.

2. **(Currently amended)** ~~A single layer microfluidic fluid mixer comprising:~~

~~a fluid routing device having:~~

~~a first channel having a cross section of a first aspect ratio and a first depth and having a longitudinal axis; and~~

~~a second channel having a cross section of a second different aspect ratio and a second different depth, wherein the second channel passes through at least part of the first channel in a direction transverse to the longitudinal axis; and~~

~~fluid supply means for supplying to each channel fluid to be mixed.~~ A mixer according to claim 1, wherein the cross-section of the intersecting first and second channels is T-shaped.

3. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to either claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the cross-section of the intersecting first and second channels is T-shaped.~~ A mixer according to claim 1, wherein the first and second channels are elongate in cross-section.

4. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the aspect ratio of the first channel is a 90° rotation of the aspect of the second channel and second channels are elongate in cross-section.~~

5. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the first and second channels have substantially the same cross-sectional area aspect ratio of the first channel is a 90° rotation of the aspect ratio of the second channel.~~

6. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the total cross-sectional area of the first and second channels is substantially constant first and second channels have substantially the same cross-sectional area.~~

7. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein the aspect ratios of the two channels are in the range between 1.5:1 and 10:1 total cross-sectional area of the first and second channels is substantially constant.~~

8. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to claim 1 7, wherein the aspect ratios of the two channels are in the range between 1.5:1 3:1 and 10:1 6:1.~~

9. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to claim 8 1, wherein aspect ratios of the two channels are in the range between 3:1 and 6:1~~

the second channel is separate from the first channel until the first location.

10. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the second channel ~~is separate from the~~ continues beyond the first channel until the first location after the second location.

11. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the second channel ~~continues beyond~~ extends only between the first channel after and the second location.

12. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, wherein the second channel ~~extends only between the first and the second location~~ is formed by a gradual change in aspect ratio from the first location.

13. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the second channel ~~is formed by a gradual change in aspect ratio from the first location~~ further comprising, at the first location, a step which signifies the start of the second channel.

14. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 12~~ claim 1, further comprising, at the ~~first~~ second location, a step which ~~signifies the start~~ indicates the end of the second channel.

15. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11 and 13 and 14 when not dependent upon claim 10~~, further comprising, at the second location, ~~a step which indicates the end of the second channel~~ wherein the first and second channels have flow directions which are at 90° to each other.

16. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, wherein the first and second channels have flow directions which are at 90° to each other points are at different longitudinal positions in the first channel.

17. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~claim 10, wherein the first and second ~~points are at different longitudinal positions in the first channel~~channels are recombined.

18. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~claim 11~~17, wherein the first and second channels ~~are recombined~~pass through a respective intermediary channel prior to recombination.

19. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~claim 18~~18, wherein the first and second channels ~~pass through a respective intermediary channel prior to recombination~~channels have the same aspect ratio cross-section.

20. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~claim 19~~1, wherein the intermediary channels ~~have the same aspect ratio cross section~~further comprising additional fluid routing devices connected in series.

21. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, further comprising additional fluid routing devices ~~connected in series~~a pair of inlet passages supplying, in use, different fluids to the first channel.

22. **(Currently amended)** A mixer according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~claim 21, further comprising ~~a pair of inlet passages for~~

~~supplying, in use, different fluids to the first channel~~ geometric pin
between each of the fluid supply passages and the first channel.

23. **(Currently amended)** ~~A mixer according to claim 22, further~~
~~comprising a geometric pin between each of the fluid supply passages and~~
~~the first channel~~ A single layer microfluidic fluid mixer comprising:

a fluid routing device having:

a first channel having a cross-section of a first aspect ratio
and a first depth and having a longitudinal axis; and

a second channel having a cross-section of a second different
aspect ratio and a second different depth, wherein the second channel
passes through at least part of the first channel in a direction transverse
to the longitudinal axis; and

fluid supply means for supplying to each channel fluid to be mixed.

24. **(Currently amended)** A method of mixing fluid in a single
layer, the method comprising the steps of:

supplying a fluid to a first channel having a cross-section of a
first aspect ratio;

supplying a fluid to a second channel which has a cross-
section of a second different aspect ratio and which intersects with the
first channel from a first location to a second location, each location
having a different transverse position within the first channel;

passing a portion of the fluid from the first channel into the
second channel;

moving the fluid through the second channel from ~~the~~ a first
point to ~~the~~ a second point; and

recombining the fluid from the second channel into a different portion of the fluid in the first channel.

25. **(Previously presented)** A method according to claim 24, further comprising the step of passing the fluid from the first and the second channel into respective intermediary channels, each of which has the same aspect ratio cross-section, prior to recombining the fluids from the first and the second channels.